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PROCEEDINGS

Against the REBELS in

SCOTLAND,

Since the Arrival of his GRACE

The DUKE of

MONMOUTH.

Communicated in a Letter to a Person of
Quality From *Edenburgh*.

Dated 19th. of this Instant June, 1679.

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SIR,



Is Grace the Duke of *Mon-*
mouth arrived at *Edenburgh* on
the 18th instant, and was
very honourably entertained
his presence giving much assu-
rance and satisfaction to all his
Majesties good Subjects in
these parts, who express'd
their joys in loud Shouts and Acclamations all
the way as he pass'd in the City. He was imme-
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diately received into the Privy Council and having seriously inquired into the present posture of Affairs, and consulted thereupon, being resolved vigorously to enter into Action, he neglected no time, but this day hastened to the Kings Host, who were marched away before on *Tuesday*, and lay encamped at *Blackburn*, where he is now at the Head of them Commander in Chief.

They are very near Fourteen thousand strong all well appointed, and Full of Resolution and Zeal to serve His Majesty, and within a day or two will be much Encreased in number, if there shall be occasion for the same; for these Forces are onely those which come from the *South*, the *West* having never been employed, and those of the *North* are not yet come up; though from thence we may be confident of considerable strength: For those parts are intirely dutiful to the King, not one place in all the *Northern Shires* having ever been infected with *Fanaticism* of any sort.

The Rebels are about *Hambleton*, but we have no exact Account of their Numbers; onely we have advice, That *Welsh*, the eminent, Turbulent, and Seditious Preacher, has lately

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joyned their Main body, with Three hundred men brought in by him; and that one *Spreul* a quondam Clerk of the Council under *Cromwel*, is President of their Commatee, and a great Oracle amongst them. This man having for his Ill behaviout formerly been taken into Custody was suffered by the Council, not long since, to return home, upon his *Parol*, & solemn *Engagement* to live peaceably. And yet was scarce any sooner at home, but he began to *Foment* Sedition, and is now thus become a prime *King-Leader* amongst the Rebels, And indeed we have little reason to expect any sincerity in the Promises of such men as make no conscience of the Obligations of *Loyalty*. And by such their Indulgence to him, it appears how little severe the Council was in their Proceedings, and how ready to trust any persons that would peaceably demean themselves; they having never punished any man for his Opinion, but suffered every thing which these men could call *Religion* except going to the *Field-Conventicles*, in Arms, and such Like Insufferable Insolencies. Nor hath there been Fifty pounds Sterling exacted in fines for House-Conventicles these three years; so false are all Reports of that Nature

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suggested abroad, and onely coyned to make the Government odious, & colour Religion.

'Tis plain, this design has for some time been hatching: for *Cameron*; on of the Rebels, was privately imployed to go over into *Holland* to buy Arms, and from thence they were furnished; during his being there, he preached at *Rottterdam*, and declared that it was a pious thing to kill the Prelates, and highly pleasing to God.

They commit strange Insolences and Barbarities, where ever they come. At *Glasgow* a Butcher when they first attempted that City, & were beat off, having shot one of them they have since taken him, and by a Court-Martial of their own, condemned and shot him to Death for the same, though what he did was fairly, as he was a Souldier under command. They have likewise taken down the heads of the Rebels who were Justly Executed for the Rebellion in the year 1666, and have buried them in great State within the Cathedral Church of *Glasgow*. And very lately they have emitted an impudent Declaration, wherein they publish their demands, the chief of which are these, viz.

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*That they would have a Parliament where-
in there should not be any Noble man; and a
General Assembly wherein no Bishop or indul-
ged Minister should be admitted.*

*By which extravagant devices, you may guess at
the Quality of the men, and their Principles: for in
truth there is not a man Five pounds Sterling per
annum appears as for them; but they freely entertain
Bankrupts and Malefactors, and yet pretend
highly to Religion, though much divided in their
own notions,*

*They have not of late increased their numbers,
but rather mulder away; and the Gentry in general
throughout the Land, appear very vigorous for the
Kings Service. We are now ready to advance to-
wards them, and do not doubt, by Gods Blessing, to
give a good account of them very shortly, though
the common opinion is, they will scatter themselves
before we can get up to them. As soon as any Ac-
count happens, be assured, you shall have it; in the
mean time accept my service, and continue me in
your prayers, &c.*

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